

Property Address West side of Crain Highway, North of Catalpa Drive, vicinity of La Plata, Charles County  
Owner Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year Built circa 1800

**Description:**

The Garner House, an altered 1-story, two room house, is included in the Inventory of Historic Sites in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, published by the Maryland Historical Trust in 1980. The property was not located during the September 1996 survey and is presumed to be no longer extant.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Garner House was not located during the September 1996 survey and is presumed to be no longer extant. The site of the Garner House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is no longer extant and the site does not possess sufficient integrity to represent an important architectural trend or distinctive characteristics of a type or method of construction. Based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

Eligibility \_\_\_\_\_ recommended ☒ not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: Not located

  
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, NR program Date

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
September 1996

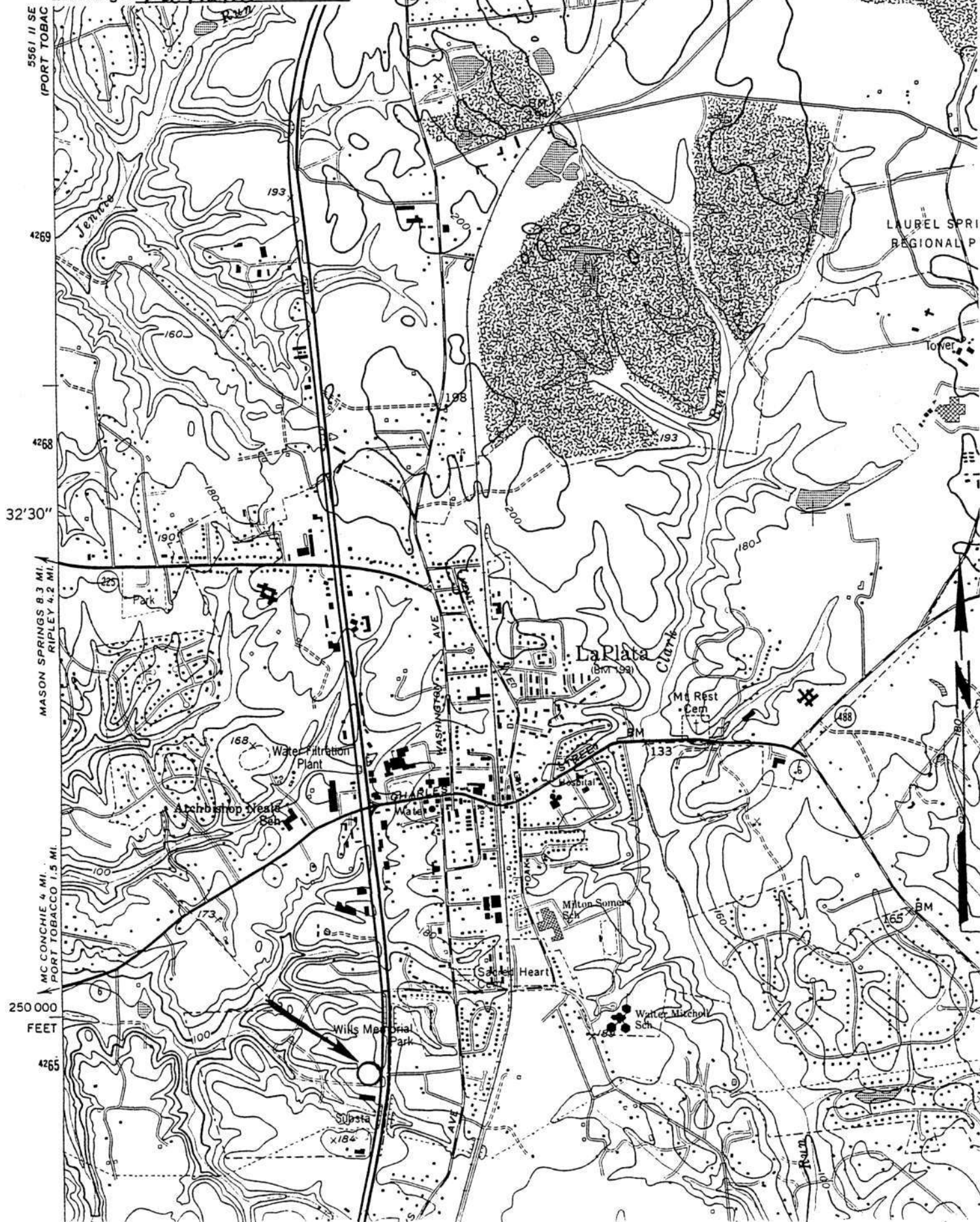
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Survey # CH-84

Property Name Garner House

Town/County La Plata vicinity, Charles Co.

Quadrangle La Plata



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GARNER HOUSE  
La Plata  
Private

Early nineteenth  
century

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI #0900845304

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

GARNER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Blue Star Memorial Highway)  
West side of Rt. 301, 1/2 mile south of La Plata

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

### STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

### PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dennis R. Conner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Newburg

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20664

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 317

Folio #: 291

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P. O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland 20646

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT      ☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A modest three-part frame structure, the oldest portion of which dates from the early nineteenth century, the Garner House was recently damaged by a fire and is now vacant and rapidly deteriorating.

The earliest parts of the house are located at the north and south ends of the existing structure. When built, the house was of the Swann House (CH-333) and The Sanders House (CH-338) type: one story with a two-room floor plan and an exterior chimney at each end. The main block, three bays wide on both side elevations, stands at the south end of the present house. The existing north end section is contemporary in date with the south end and initially served as a detached kitchen. There are no particularly significant features remaining in either of these sections. In fact, it appears that most if not all of the interior woodwork was replaced in the mid-nineteenth century. The random width flooring in the attic chambers and a narrow enclosed stair with winders in the first floor north room of the south section are among the few remaining early features.

In the mid or late nineteenth century the area between the original house and kitchen was filled by a two-story, two-bay addition. Containing one principal first and second floor room, it has a narrow stair hall extending the full width of the rear. In more recent years a one-story porch on the rear side of the center section was partially enclosed to house a modern bathroom.

About twenty-five feet north of the house is a one-story frame dependency. Divided into two rooms, it has two batten doors on the front that retain their original wrought strap hinges.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Garner House is located on a 133.16 acre tract of land identified as Parcel 45, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

March, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

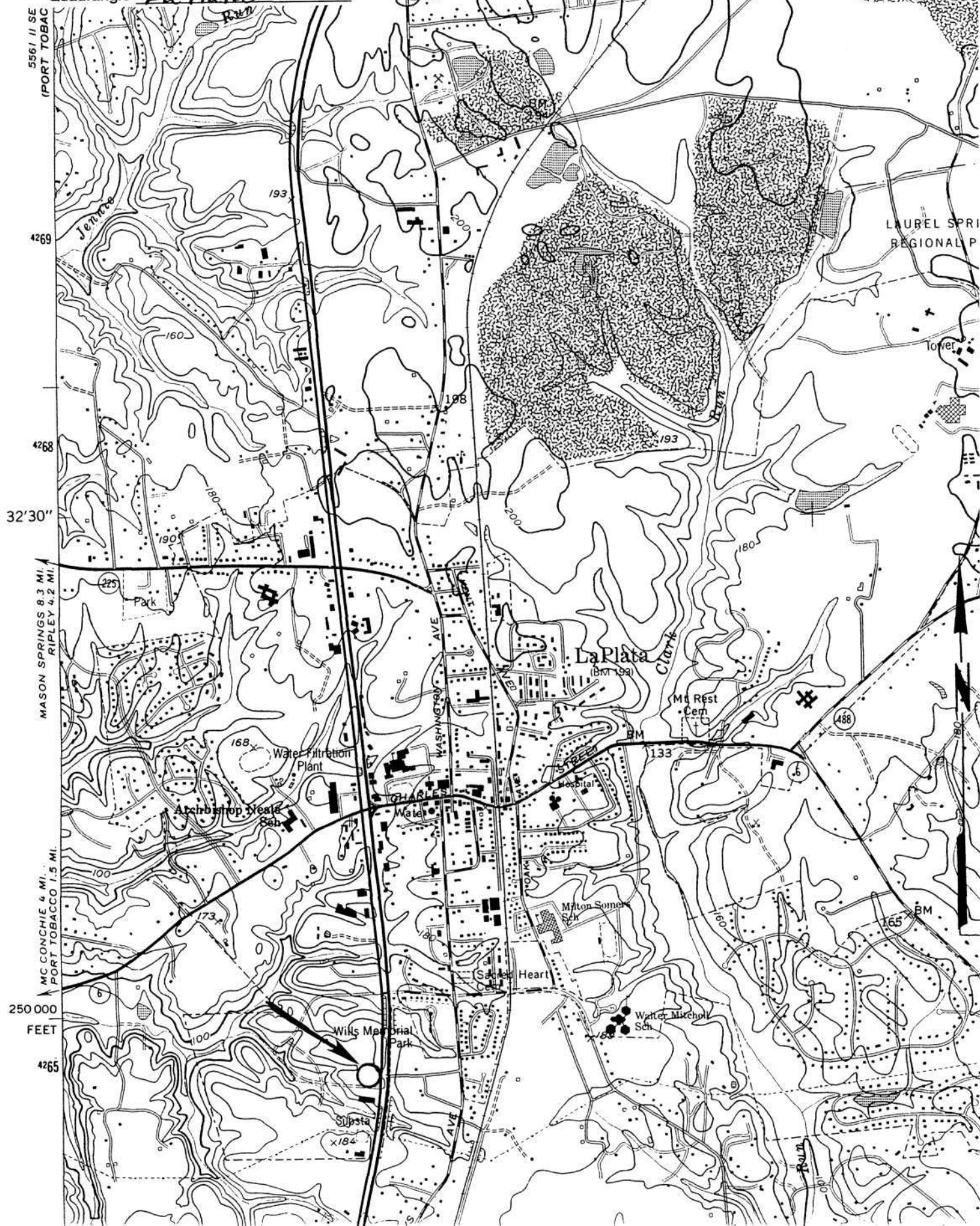
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— JULIA GARNER HOUSE. View From  
S.E. J.R.Rivoire, 1978